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Education

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas - Doctor of Jurisprudence - 1983
A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center, Houston, Texas - 40 Hour Mediation Training
Mediation Matters, Silver Spring, Maryland - 40 Hour Family Law and Divorce Mediation Training
Howard University, Washington, D.C. - Master of Music Education
Peabody Conservatory of Music of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, Bachelor of Music
Education Maryland Senatorial Full Tuition Scholarship

Employment

South Texas College of Law Houston, Houston, Texas
Executive Vice President Emeritus and Professor of Law 2016 - Present
Executive Vice President 2010 - 2016
Vice President and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs 2005- 2010
Vice President and Associate Dean for Academic Administration and Joint Programs 2004-2005
Tenured Professor of Law, 1992 – Present
Assistant Professor of Law, 1987-1992
Subjects Taught: Wills, Trusts and Estates, Administration of Estates and Guardianships in Texas, Trusts and Fiduciary Responsibility, Property I and II, Mediation
Host, Executive Co-Producer - TV Show, "Law Talk from STCL," PBS Station KAMU-TV, College Station, Texas, 1998-2000; State Bar of Texas 2000 Gavel Award, Communicator Awards 1999 Competition
University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas, Visiting Professor of Law, Summer 1990
Eikenburg & Stiles, Houston, Texas, Associate, 1984-87; Area of Practice: Wills, Trusts, Estate Administration, Creditor Representation in Probate Estates, Real Estate

Recent Continuing Legal Education — Speeches and Articles

2016, Presentation – Wills Law 101, Houston Pro Bono Network
2013, Speech-“Basic Estate Planning,” State Bar College Summer School, State Bar of Texas CLE
2012 Organizer/Moderator, “Elder Law Abuse Symposium,” South Texas College of Law
2012, Speech-“Basic Estate Planning,” State Bar College Summer School, State Bar of Texas CLE
2012, 2011, Organizer/Moderator, “Law Diversity Teaching Forum” South Texas College of Law
2005 Speech - “Anatomy of a Will,” Wills and Probate Institute, South Texas College of Law
2003 “Preparing Yourself and Your Client for Mediation in Probate and Guardianship,” Wills and Probate Institute, South Texas College of Law
2003 “Alternatives to Probate and Administration,” Nuts and Bolts of Trusts/Probate Wills,” State Bar of Texas CLE
2000 “Mediation of the Guardianship Dispute,” Guardianship & Elder Law Issues for the Practitioner & Ad Litem, Houston Bar Association and Wills and Probate Institute, South Texas College of Law

Books and Articles

“Administration of Estates and Guardianships in Texas,” Imprimatur Press, Dallas 2016, Seventh Edition
"DNA and the Slave Descendent Nexus: A Theoretical Challenge to Traditional Notions of Heirship Jurisprudence," 15 HARV. BLACKLETTER L.J. 211 (2000).
"A Study of the Intersection of DNA Technology, Exhumation and Heirship Determination as It Relates to Modern-Day Descendants of Slaves in America," 50 ALA. L. REV. 39 (1998).
"Creditors' Rights to Actual Notice of Revocable Trust on Death of Settlor in Aftermath of Pope — The Blessing of Change, The Sin of Avoidance and The Forgiving Solution," 19 SETON HALL LEGIS. J. 453 (1995).
"Rights of Unsecured Creditors Under the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act In Property Transferred Prior to Death," 45 OKLA. L. REV. 275 (1992).
"Privity — A Texas-Size Barrier to Third Parties for Negligent Will Drafting — An Assessment and Proposal," 41 BAYLOR L. REV. 687 (1990).

Honors

Featured performer, Houston Bar Association's "Night Court," an annual, all-lawyer musical revue benefitting Houston area law charities, 2009- present and 1989-96.

Founder and Director of South Texas College of Law Professor of Law Diversity Initiative

National Anthem soloist at all South Texas College of Law graduations

National Anthem Soloist for *South Texas College of Law Day* at Astros Game, Minute Maid Park, 2007

Robeson L. King Excellence in Education Award, 50th Anniversary of the Houston Lawyers Association, 2005 and 2013

Recipient, Proclamation from City Hall and Mayor Robert Lanier for distinguished service to legal education

Recipient, South Texas College of Law Student Bar Association "Professor Excellence" Award, 1990-91

Professional Associations

State Bar of Texas, Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section

American Bar Association

Legal Education Section

Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section

Vice-Chair, Creditors' Rights in Estates and Trust Committee, 1988-92

Houston Bar Association Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section, ADR Section; Fellow, Houston Bar Foundation

National Bar Association

Community Service

Continuing Keynote speaker for area will-a-thon pro bono programs

Editorial Board Member, *The Houston Lawyer*, A Publication of the Houston Bar Association, 2003-2005

Council Member, Houston Bar Association Probate, Trusts and Estates Section, 2003-2009

Board of Directors, Resolution Forum, Inc., An Alternative Dispute Resolution Organization, Houston, Texas, 1998-present

Board of Trustees, The Kinkaid School, Houston, Texas, 1993-96

Board Member, Vice President of Program Allocations, Fort Bend County ISD Education Foundation, 1996-00